

with every aspect of the Civil Air Patrol including Emergency Services, Aerospace Education and the Cadet program to help develop anyone interested in civil service. I am confident that the Squadron will be led by other fine commanders and engage in new and challenging missions in years to come, standing on the firm foundation laid by Col. Kirchner.

It is my privilege to honor Lieutenant Colonel Richard L. Kirchner for his three decades of dedicated service to the Civil Air Patrol and I want to thank Col. Kirchner for the role he has played in so many Minnesota lives. His commitment to honor and duty, country and community and his nurturing relationship with the members of the Squadron are a model for all of us on how to lead and teach. We are all so grateful for his service.

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HON. ANH "JOSEPH" CAO

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. CAO. Madam Speaker, May 20, 2009 marks a significant milestone for Taiwan, the first year in office of President Ma Ying-jeou.

What began as a year of confrontation between the Peoples Republic of China and Taiwan, President Ma has become one of cooperation.

The conciliatory initiatives of President Ma has produced, for the first time in decades, face to face productive meetings that have brought about agreement between these former adversaries in a variety of areas; legal, transportation and financial.

Such great progress has not gone unnoticed and President Ma Ying-jeou should be recognized for his leadership.

IN HONOR OF MR. KIRK FARRA,
IN-SYNCH SYSTEMS

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor America's entrepreneurs, those distinguished individuals who support our communities, drive innovation, and keep our nation strong. Small businesses bring fresh ideas to the table, develop resources to help us meet the demands of an ever-changing world, and make a meaningful impact on our neighborhoods. Entrepreneurs are responsible for providing 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs, giving them the potential to propel rapid economic growth and expand developing fields. Some of the country's largest companies began as start-ups in small offices, homes and garages exploring these new fields. Limited only by their imagination, these firms performed cutting-edge work in emerging industries that have become the very foundation of our society.

As our nation and the world face the most difficult economic conditions in decades, entrepreneurs have the potential to lead us back to prosperity. The resiliency and adaptability shown by small businesses in past recessions

demonstrate their capability to meet the challenges standing in their way and emerge stronger than ever. America's small businesses will drive the economic recovery from this downturn, and I remain confident that our economy will emerge stronger than ever. Times may be tough, but America's entrepreneurial spirit is tougher.

To recognize the monumental achievements of our nation's small firms, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has declared May 17–23 as the 46th Annual National Small Business Week. The House Small Business Committee is celebrating all our country's hard-working entrepreneurs by saluting the Heroes of Small Business, those men and women who have shown the strength, leadership, and resourcefulness that keeps our economy moving forward.

I ask that you, Madam Speaker, and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing and thanking Mr. Kirk Farra for his tremendous accomplishments on behalf of small businesses. Mr. Farra is president of In-Synch Systems, LLC, a company that produces state-of-the-art records management software for local law enforcement agencies. In-Synch Systems has rapidly expanded since its inception in 1999 and is currently serving clients across the country. The company's top product is a records management system that allows law enforcement officers to access and share critical intelligence when they are in the field. In-Synch Systems has provided its products to government agencies for use in federally funded law enforcement programs that supply police agencies with critical software.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Farra has exemplified the remarkable accomplishments of which America's entrepreneurs are capable. This week, he will testify before the House Small Business Committee to share his story. I ask that you and the entire U.S. House of Representatives join with me in honoring him for the extraordinary work he has done for the small business economy. His efforts demonstrate that if given the right resources, America's small businesses can be the catalysts that lift our economy from the current downturn and put us on the road to recovery.

IN RECOGNITION OF SPORTS-
CASTER DON LADAS' RETIREMENT

HON. DEBORAH L. HALVORSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday May 19, 2009

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize Don Ladas for his service to Joliet, Illinois for over fifty years as an unparalleled sports voice on 1340 WJOL Radio and working for the Herald News, which has made him a sports icon in Will County. Ladas, WJOL's longest full-time employee in history, has recently announced his retirement. Out of all of WJOL's radio legends over the years, none have had the staying power and impact that Don Ladas has had.

For forty-seven years, Ladas has covered a wide variety of sports for WJOL including bowling, football, basketball, baseball, and softball, and has broadcasted thousands of local high school sporting events. He was the host of the oldest bowling show in the United

States called, "Ten Pin Topics," which aired Monday through Saturday. In addition to his daily bowling show, Ladas also hosted a weekly sports program called, "Shooting the Breeze." For the past thirty years, Ladas also has been the editor and publisher of his own monthly magazine called "Will County Sportsman."

His professionalism and his dedication to sports have earned him a place of recognition in the following: the Illinois Sportscasters Hall of Fame, the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame, the Illinois State Bowling Hall of Fame, the Joliet Junior College Hall of Fame, the Joliet and Will County Hall of Pride, the Will County Bowling Hall of Fame, and the Minor League and Pro Football National Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio for his work in the media. Also, in July of 2008, author Gary Seymour published a book following Ladas' career entitled, *The Voice of Joliet: the Life and Times of Hall of Fame Radio Sportscaster Don Ladas*.

As one of the most revered figures in Joliet's sports scene history, sportscaster Don Ladas has left his mark on the world of radio and sportscasting and will serve as an inspiration to all individuals just entering the mass media field of broadcasting. It is with great pride that I recognize all of his many accomplishments upon the event of his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, on May 18, 2009, I missed rollcall votes numbered 267, 268, and 269.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 267, a resolution congratulating Camp Dudley YMCA of Westport, New York, on the occasion of its 125th anniversary; 268, the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act; and, 269, a resolution recognizing the importance of the Child and Adult Care Food Program and its positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families.

RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER
DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE FOR
RECEIVING THE ITU "WORLD
TELECOMMUNICATION & INFOR-
MATION SOCIETY AWARD"

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, Federal Communications Commission member from 2005 to 2008, on the occasion of her receipt of the 2009 International Telecommunication Union (ITU) "Telecommunication & Information Society Award."

The World Telecommunication & Information Society Award is presented by the ITU in recognition of individuals or institutions that have made a significant contribution to promoting, building, or strengthening an individual-focused, development-oriented and knowledge-based information society. The 2009 award